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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage Patent Application of
Michael REGGELIN et al.

Serial No.: PCT/DE99/01417

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For: METHOD FOR STEREOCHEMICALLY CONTROLLED PRODUCTION OF
ISOMERICALLY PURE HIGHLY SUBSTITUTED AZACYCLIC
COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the accompanying PCT National
Stage application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, line 6, delete "Description" and insert in lieu
thereof the heading -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Page 2, line 21, please insert the heading -- SUMMARY OF
THE INVENTION --.

Page 10, at the top of the page before the first line,
please insert the heading -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED
EMBODIMENTS --.

In the claims:

Please delete claims 1-16 as amended during International
Preliminary Examination, without prejudice or disclaimer, and
substitute therefor the following new claims 17-33:

17. A process for stereochimically controlled production
of a compound corresponding to formula Ia':